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Docket No.: 84,355-003

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.56**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicants and their attorney submit this disclosure statement in accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56 and CFR § 1.97(b)(1) within three months of the filing date of the application. Enclosed herewith is a list of references cited by Applicant (PTO-1449), including copies of all references listed thereon.

Applicants, by submitting this information disclosure statement, are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR § 1.56. As such, this

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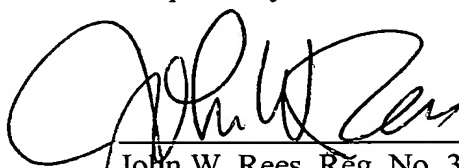
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Respectfully submitted,

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